

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

January 21, 2009

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
House of Representatives  
H-232, U.S. Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Boehner  
Republican Leader  
House of Representatives  
H-204, U.S. Capitol  
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Dear Speaker Pelosi and Republican Leader Boehner:

As Congress continues to discuss a comprehensive strategy to revive our struggling economy, we urge you to include a strong "Buy American" provision in the economic stimulus package. If we are going to spend up to \$1 trillion to stimulate our economy, we should make sure that American taxpayer dollars are used to create American jobs in America – not Chinese jobs in China.

It is clear that our nation faces enormous challenges. In December, U.S. factory activity fell to a 28-year low. The U.S. economy shed more than 2.4 million jobs in 2008, making it the worst year of job losses since World War II. The unemployment rate, already at a disturbingly high 7.2%, could reach double digits by the end of this year. If the intent of the stimulus bill is to put Americans back to work, the money must be spent here at home. American taxpayer dollars should go to American workers.

The stimulus package will likely contain significant investments in our transportation infrastructure and schools. While the labor cannot be outsourced, we should make sure that --- whenever practical --- spending on materials and equipment stays here at home too. We should rebuild our bridges with American steel and concrete. We should weatherize our schools with domestically produced windows and insulation.

The same is true for renewable energy. If the stimulus package invests in a cleaner energy future and freedom from foreign oil, let's put American companies to work making solar panels and wind turbines. If the stimulus invests in modernizing our electrical grid, let's use American transformers and smart meters. And if the stimulus invests in the next generation of plug-in hybrids, we should do everything possible to make sure that our American auto industry and its suppliers benefit.

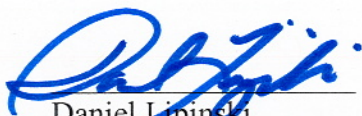
In addition, President-elect Obama has proposed a massive effort to make all health records standardized and electronic within five years. This modernization could save money and improve healthcare, but if we want to create IT jobs here at home instead of in Bangalore, we must use American software and hardware.

If Congress wants to help American workers, we need to buy American. We cannot afford to spend hundreds of billions of dollars – perhaps \$1 trillion – only to watch contractors and

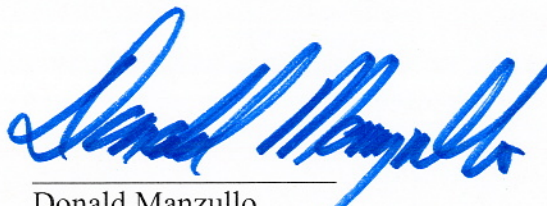
subcontractors turn around and send that money abroad. We only have one chance to get this right. We strongly urge you to include a "Buy American" provision in any stimulus legislation.

Thank you for your time and attention regarding this critical issue.

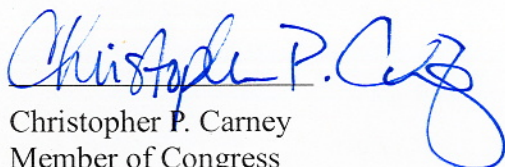
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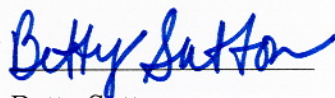
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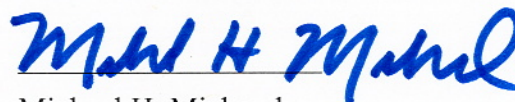
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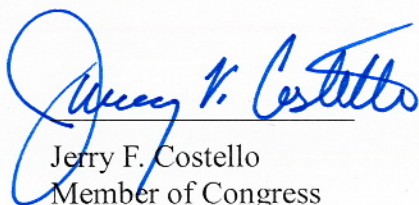
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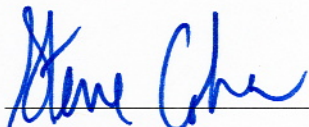
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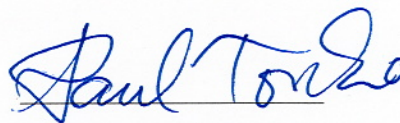
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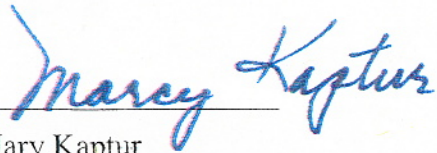
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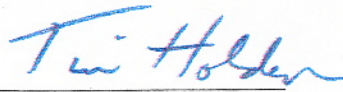
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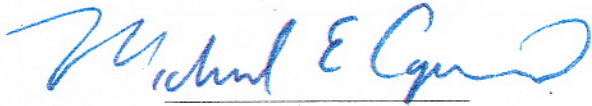




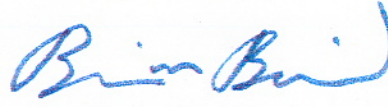
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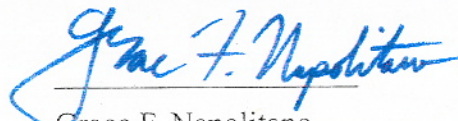
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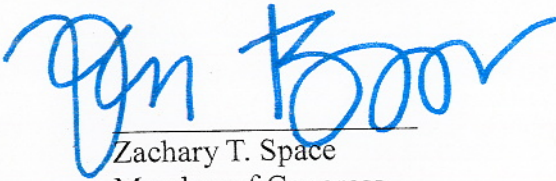
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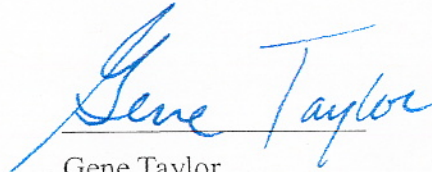
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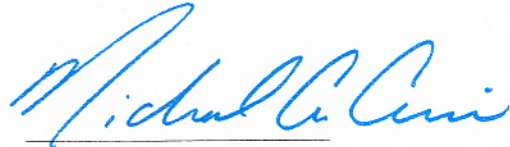
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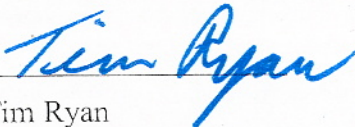
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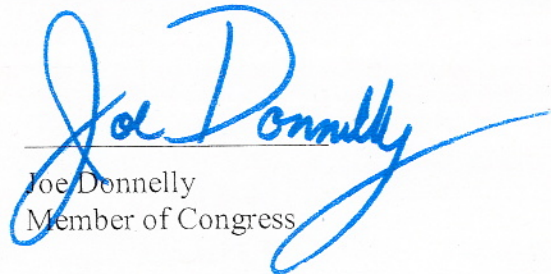
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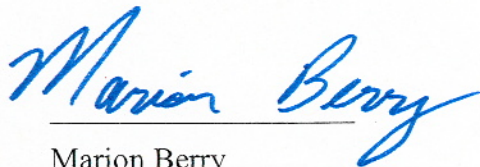
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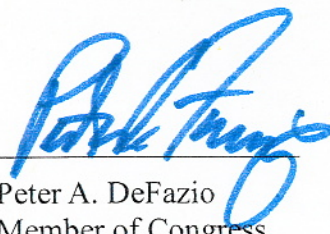
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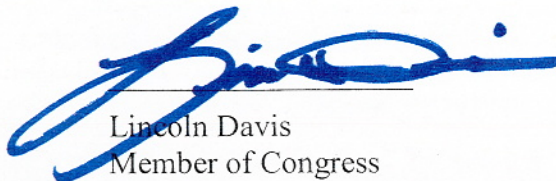
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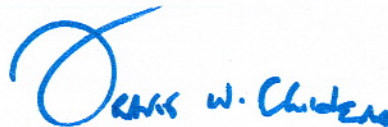
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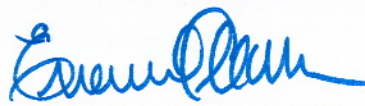
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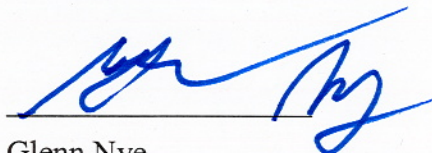
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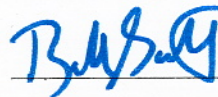
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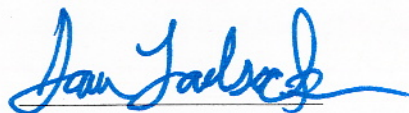
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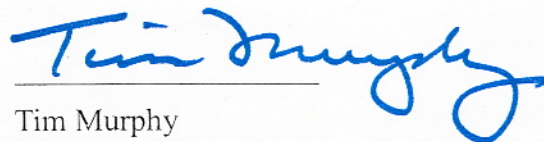
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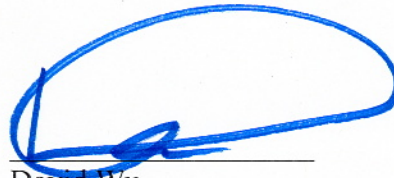


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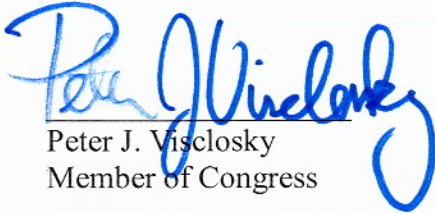




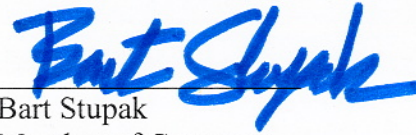
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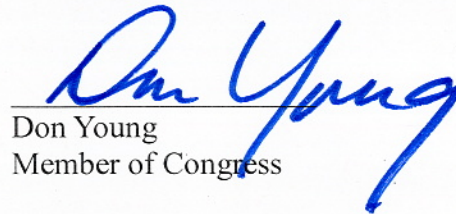
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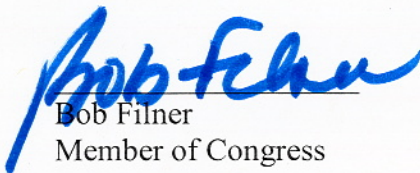
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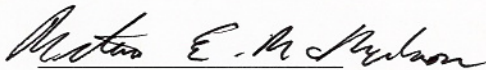
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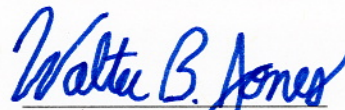
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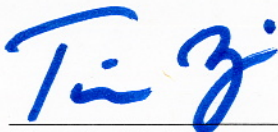
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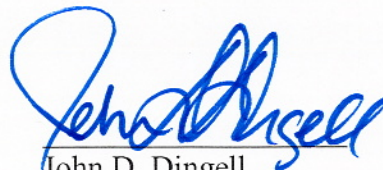
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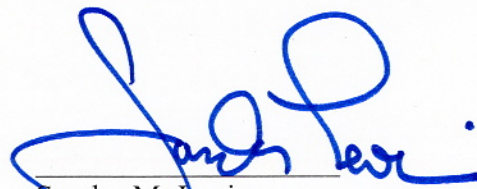
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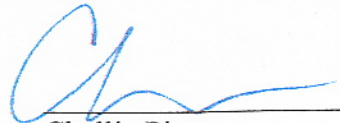
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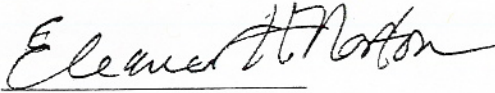
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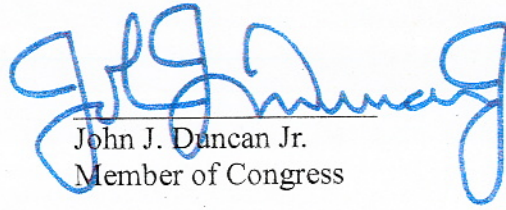
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